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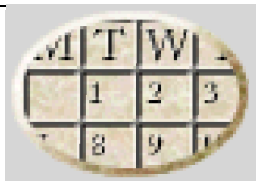
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UPCOMING MEETINGS, CONFERENCES AND TRAINING

What's happening in April?

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NPDES Permit Writers' Training Course

The NPDES Permit Writers' Training Course provides the basic regulatory framework and technical considerations that support the development of wastewater discharge permits as required under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program. The course is designed for new permit writers: highlighting the process of developing, issuing, and complying with NPDES permits. The format is a combination of lecture, case examples, and practical exercises that are geared to acquaint participants with the tools and resources available to assist them in writing NPDES permits. The training course lasts 5 days. There is no fee for attending. Current courses are scheduled for Austin (May 8-12), Nashville (July 10-14), and in EPA Region 8 in September (date pending). For more information, please visit our website: <http://www.epa.gov/owm/npdesup.htm>

Pretreatment Training Courses in 2000

In cooperation with the Water Environment Federation (WEF), EPA will be presenting 2-day Pretreatment Training Courses at a variety of locations this year. Both courses are designed and recommended for environmental professionals responsible for implementing the Pretreatment Program at the local level, industrial dischargers, and consultants. The objective of the "Introductory Course" is to provide the basic regulatory and technical framework that supports the development and implementation of pretreatment programs under the NPDES program and the Clean Water Act (CWA). The next Introductory Course scheduled for 2000 will be held in Cincinnati, Ohio in August 23-24, 2000. The objective of the advanced pretreatment training course, "Industrial Classification & Permitting Course," is to provide detailed information related to identifying, classifying, and permitting industrial users. The advanced course uses a combination of lectures and exercises to convey the necessary information. Attendees are requested to bring calculators to complete some of the exercises which require calculation of permit limits. Two Industrial Classification and Permitting Courses are scheduled for the remainder of 2000: in Seattle, Washington on June 5-6, 2000, and in Boston, Massachusetts, on July 25-26, 2000. For registration materials and copies of the agenda of the courses, please visit our website:

<http://www.epa.gov/owm/precour.htm>

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National Drought Policy Commission

The National Drought Policy Commission (NDPC) continues to hold public meetings to discuss various drafts of the report. In addition, the interagency contact group, of which EPA is a part, continues to hold day long meetings to resolve issues in finalizing the report. The NDPC plans to hold its final meeting to approve the report in April 2000, with presentations of the report in May 2000. For more information, contact John Flowers at 202-260-7288 or visit the NDPC website at www.fsa.usda.gov/drought/

REGULATIONS

Direct Final Rule for EPA's Clean Water Act Awards

The Municipal Assistance Branch has summarized internal Stakeholder's comments to a draft direct final rule for the Clean Water Act awards, and is preparing responses to those comments. The rule will codify existing practices to implement the Office of Wastewater Management's National Wastewater Management Excellence Awards programs. The rule includes awards for Operations and Maintenance, Beneficial Use of Biosolids, Pretreatment, Storm Water Management, and Combined Sewer Overflow Controls.

The Year 2000 Guidance for EPA's National Operations and Maintenance Excellence Award Program was issued January 5, 2000. The guidance includes instructions and appropriate forms for the Regional O&M Awards Managers, and the national award applicants. EPA Regions should submit nominations for national O&M awards to EPA Headquarters by May 19, 2000.

The program brochure for EPA's National Wastewater Management Excellence Awards (1999 National winners) is currently available at <http://www.epa.gov/owm/muni.htm>. For more information, contact Maria Campbell at 202-260-5815.